



# South Wellington Coin Society

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Monthly meetings 1st Wednesday –September to June at 7:30 PM  
at the Eramosa Community Library, Rockwood, Ontario

## NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 1, 2000

### President's Message:

What a way to start a new season, the mall display in Guelph went over well. As a result we welcome two new members Gary O'Connor and Bill Dechert to our club.

The November meeting will have Chris Boyer as our speaker for the evening. Chris has a tremendous presentation on the RCMP and we encourage all members to bring a friend.

November 5th is our show at the Legion in Guelph, any members wishing to help should contact me at our meeting on the 1st for assignments. Guelph Legion is going to be a large show so once again pass the word to all your friends, everyone is welcome.

Our club metal is on track and as before there will be a limited number of coins available. SWCS is one of the few clubs that produce their own metals, this will be our third.

It's that time of year again, time to renew your memberships. We will be taking 2001 member dues at the meeting beginning in November, also if you know of anyone who may be interested bring them along to experience a couple of our meetings. There is always those who are not club oriented and we remind members that non-members are always made welcome.

As always the cry goes out for auction material, bring along any duplicates you may have.

See you on the 1st.

*Robert Zmija*

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**October Meeting:**

October's meeting had 11 members out. Bob gave us an update on how our new coin was coming along. So far we are on track, the coin is said to have a global view into the year 2001. We hope to have a preliminary sketch of what the coin will look like in the near future.

The show at Stone Road Mall was discussed and would be held on Oct 7th, Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00.

Mike spoke on the upcoming show in Guelph. The posters for the show were ready and asked if members would pass them around. A special promotion for the show would be the sale of fifty cent pieces for

forty-nine cents. These coins will be of the 2000 variety, a bargain, as these are hard to get coins. Also there was still some display room available if anyone had anything to show.

All auction material passed through the hands of our auctioneer Mike Hollingshead. Sales kept our auction runner Vince Zmija on the run due to the additional material Bob had on the auction block. Thank you gentlemen for a job well done.

Still no word on Mike's mystery coin. At last heard it was out for translation.

Club draw was won by George Foster. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

**November Meeting:**

November's meeting is going to be very exciting. First issue will be a discussion of our show on Sunday to finalize any activities still open.

We have a guest speaker this month, Chris Boyer will be speaking on the RCMP from a numismatic beginning. Everyone is welcome to attend so bring along a friend.

As usual refreshments will be available along with a twenty item auction. Please remember the call is out for auction material, so bring out your doubles for the auction table.

See you at the meeting.

**UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:**

- **November 1st**— general meeting of the South Wellington Coin Society.
- **November 5<sup>th</sup>**—Club involved at coin show at Guelph Legion
- **November 15th** — deadline for newsletter articles.

**EVENTS BEYOND OUR CLUB:****October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Toronto Torex**

Primrose Hotel  
111 Carlton Street Toronto  
Sat. 10 – 5 ; Sun. 10 – 3  
Hugh bourse with meetings Friday evening and Saturday afternoon auctions  
Info: Brian 416-861-9523

**October 29<sup>th</sup> Stratford**

38th Annual Coin Show  
Kiwanis Community Centre  
Lakeside Dr., Stratford  
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
Draws- Free Admission and parking

**November 5<sup>th</sup> Guelph**

Col. John McCrea Legion  
York Road, Hwy #7, Guelph  
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
40 bourse dealers  
Hosted by three area clubs: Waterloo Coin Society,  
Paisley Road School Coin Club, SWCS  
Info: Don Robb 519-888-9655

**November 25<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls**

Coin-A-Rama  
Saturday 9a.m. - 4p.m. — Admission — \$1.00  
Our Lady of Peace Hall  
6944 Stanley Ave.  
Niagara Falls, Ontario  
905-356-5006

## **New from the MINT:**

October saw the launch of the Mint's newest millennium coin by Eric Hui.

Eric's coin design *Creativity* pays tribute to Canadian art in three millenniums and applauds our rich legacy of artistic expression, past and future. In the left part of the coin, the strong spirit of our native Canadians is portrayed on the faces of an Inuit sculpture. In the upper part, a tree is drawn in the style of the Group of Seven, reinforcing the



importance of self-identity in artistic expression. In the right part, the continuation of the image is rendered in wire-frames to reflect Canada's leading role in computer technology as the art form of the new millennium.

*Creativity* is the tenth coin to be unveiled in the 2000 25-cent coin series featuring new designs each month.

## **J.N.DAVISON, UNION BUS TOKEN, FURGUS**

**By Ross Irwin**

Obv: The name J.N.DAVISON at the top and FERGUS below. In the center UNION BUS, with a clover leaf above and below.

Rev: Inscribed RETURN / TRIP / 35cents. A clover leaf above TRIP and a maple leaf at either side.

Round, aluminum, 28 mm.

Remarks: This is an unusual token due to the fare. Bus lines used to transport people from the train station to a sponsoring hotel, or to their home. The price was usually ten cents. This token is for 35 cents which was a high cost at the time. It may have covered the return fare from Furgus to Elora.



Research on this token has been difficult:

Thomas Richard Davison, age 58 in 1923, was a drayman in Furgus and lived on Town Lot 16 on St. Andrew St. His son

J. Nelson Davison, age 23, was listed as a "bus driver" on the assessment roll and had a barn just west of his father's home in Block 1 of Furgus. By 1925 he was married and living at Lot 86 St. Andrew St.

The Union Bus line is listed in the Bell Phone book for March 1921, but not September 1920. The company is also listed in the May 1925 but not in 1927. Looks like the bus line would not support a married family and he left town—Only the token survives

Ross Irwin is a numismatist who not only collects but studies and writes about various things he collects. We are proud to say that Ross is also a member of the South Wellington Coin Society. Thanks again Ross for your article and we look forward to many more.

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## CHANGING UNIFORM OF THE RCMP

### Chris Boyer visits SWCS

Chris is a numismatist who has approached the hobby in a slightly different way. Using slides, exhibits and actual uniforms, the "Changing Uniform of the RCMP" will be presented. He draws upon his own experience in the RCMP as well as contacts with current members and books on the RCMP. An extensive exhibit of uniform patches will be included, ranging from rank insignia, appointment patches, awards, pins and buttons. Five uniforms will be on hand, including the scarlet tunic, service order dress, winter parka, patrol jacket, and a Musical Ride blazer.

A number of other collectibles will be on hand, including licensed and non-licensed RCMP memorabilia.

Chris will also touch on how he obtained the items, through collecting, trades with fellow collectors, RCMP members, eBay and estates.

A good amount of the RCMP collection was acquired in a very short period of time.

For the true numismatist Chris also covers varieties, counterfeits and even an error patch.

There will be six dozen slides or more, and I think it would appeal even to the non-numismatists. Here is an opportunity to take a friend out for the evening and learn a bit about our Canadian heritage.

The SWCS welcomes all those who wish to come.

The word has it there will be a few RCMP patches handed out as door prizes.



See you there.



## New Plating Facility at the Royal Canadian Mint

*Taken from the CAN/NESA Classroom Course held at a Humbler College, May 8th 2000, with about 25 attendees.*

The interesting point was about the production of year 2000 dated coins from the Canadian mint and whether they would be on the plated blanks. These have been in the planning stage for several years now. Co-incidentally, the new plating facility was opened in Winnipeg on April 27, 2000.

Alfonso Gagliano, the Minister responsible for the Royal Canadian Mint, together with Ron Duhamel, Secretary of State for Western Economic Diversification and Member of

Parliament for St. Boniface, presided over the official opening.

Construction of the 59,000 square foot plating facility began on April 9, 1998 and was led by UMA Projects (CM) Ltd. Of Winnipeg, supported by Giffels Engineering of Toronto and Stechesen Katz Architects of Winnipeg. The work generated 130 construction jobs, and the Mint is adding 30 additional positions to its permanent workforce to operate the plating facility. The Mint invested approximately \$30 million in the project.

The new plating process, developed and patented by the Mint, will generate an estimated \$10 million

Annually in savings to the Government and an additional \$3 million annually in profit from foreign circulation contracts, as plated metal coinage is far less expensive to produce than the existing metal alloy varieties.

"This facility will increase the Mint's international competitive advantage and will also provide a secure and cost effective coin supply for Canadians" said Minister Gagliano. "We completed construction ahead of schedule and one million dollars under budget— a substantial achievement in itself. The Royal Canadian Mint will be aggressively

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marketing this new technology and securing additional contracts for plated coins of other countries.

Built adjacent to the Mint's Winnipeg manufacturing plant, the new facility is one of only a few in the world to offer this type of leading-edge technology. Production at the new facility began in early April 2000, changing the metal composition of the five, ten, twenty-five, and fifty-cent coins from a solid alloy or pure nickel product to nickel-copper-nickel the (Ni-Cu-Ni) multilayer plated composition. In July 2000, the Mint began releasing the new plated coinage to the market. The Government of Canada authorized the change to a new plating process in 1995. The one-cent coin was changed in July 1997 from bronze to copper-plated steel or copper plated zinc, using the Mint's patented plating process.

Ron Dhamel added, "Long regards as one of the most innovative Mints in the world, the Royal Canadian Mint is particularly proud of the new technology available in this state-of-the art facility. We are proud of the vital role the plating facility will play in the Mint's effort to maintain its economic performance worldwide, and are especially pleased by the employment and business opportunities the project has generated locally.

The general public will not notice the difference to circulated coins, nor will the coin's durability be effected. Since 1995, the Mint has worked closely with the vending industry to facilitate a smooth transition. And a successful implementation to plated coinage. In consultation with the vending industry, the change of plating for the 5, 10, 25, and 50 cent coins was delayed for five years to enable the industry to adjust their equipment.

### Project Highlights:

Project budget——\$31 million  
 Project cost——\$30 million  
 Construction jobs——130  
 New Mint employees——30  
 Project start——April 9, 1998  
 Project completion——January 2000  
 (three months ahead of schedule)

### Project Benefits:

- Cost efficient supply of plated coinage for Canada.
- The use of plated currency will produce annual savings of \$10 million to Government of Canada
- Additional annual revenues of \$3 million to Royal Canadian Mint.

### The New Plating Process:

- Mint to begin plating coinage production in April 2000
- Mint will release plated coinage to the market in July 2000
- Multi layer process enables production of various shaped coinage.
- Greater coinage protection with distinctive electromagnetic properties.
- New environmentally friendly process does not use cyanide.
- New plated material easily identified by coin mechanisms.

### The RCM Ni-Cu-Ni Multilayer Plated Process:

- The unique and patented plating operation developed by the Mint uses the fastest, most advanced and environmentally friendly process of its kind in the world

- The Mint's Ni-Cu-Ni multilayer process is a acid based and electroplates thin coatings of nickel, then copper, then nickel again to the steel core of the coin, without the need for toxic cyanide required in the other process.
- The Mint's new plating facility has the capacity to produce one billion plated coin blanks per year in a wide range of configurations that provide durable and cost effective coinage.

### The RCM Plating Process Benefits:

The Mint's product is not only cost-effective and environmentally friendly, but also enjoys high integrity features necessary for higher valued denominations. Plated coinage has been used around the world for many years, in countries including the United States, the European community, Singapore and Israel.

### The Benefits of the Mint's own unique plating technology are:

- A durability that is equal to existing alloy coins and superior to other plated coinage.
- Greater coinage protection with high integrity, distinctive electromagnetic properties easily identified by coin machines.
- Lower material costs than for solid nickel coins.
- Shorter delivery timelines resulting from a faster manufacturing process.
- The process is environmentally sound.

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**The RCM Electroplating Process:**

- A steel coil is fabricated, this is the metal from which the blanks are cut.
- Blanking operation, i.e., the cutting of the blanks.
- Deburring, the smoothing of the rough edges.
- Rimming, raising the rim.
- Pre-annealing, the softening of the blanks with heat.
- Electroplating, coating the blanks with nickel/copper.
- Drying
- Post Annealing, once again the heating of the blanks for bonding and hardness.
- Burnishing and drying, the cleaning and drying of the blanks.
- Quality inspection.
- Blanks then go to storage awaiting demand for the striking operation.

**Congratulations go out to The Stratford Coin Club on their 40th anniversary as a coin club.**

**Auction for Wednesday November 1st 2000**

<b>Lot</b>	<b>Description</b>				<b>Est Value</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Bid</b>
1.	Canadian	1936	Silver Dollar		35.00	25.00	
2.	Canadian	1937	Silver Dollar		30.00	20.00	
3.	Canadian	1950	SD Arnprior		30.00	20.00	
4.	Canadian	1951	Silver Dollar		17.00	10.00	
5.	Canadian	1952	Silver Dollar	no lines	20.00	13.00	
6.	Canadian	1953	Silver Dollar	NSS	8.00	5.00	
7.	Canadian	1954	Silver Dollar		25.00	15.00	
8.	Canadian	1955	Silver Dollar		20.00	12.00	
9.	Canadian	1956	Silver Dollar		50.00	30.00	
10.	Canadian	1957	Silver Dollar		12.00	6.00	
11.	Canadian	1958	Silver Dollar		7.00	3.50	
12.	Canadian	1959	Silver Dollar		6.00	3.00	
13.	Canadian	1961	Silver Dollar		6.00	3.00	
14.	Canadian	1964	Silver Dollar		4.50	2.50	
15.	Canadian	1965	Silver Dollar	SB BL5	5.00	2.50	
16.	Canadian	1966	Silver Dollar	LB	6.00	3.00	
17.	Canadian	1967	Silver Dollar		7.00	4.50	
18.	Canadian	1951	Silver Dollar		17.00	10.00	
19.	Silver	1973	St. Helend		5.00	3.00	
20.	Silver	1995	O.N.A. metal		45.00	25.00	